

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

41-2143

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Texas Constitution, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby veto House Bill 2216 because of the following objections:

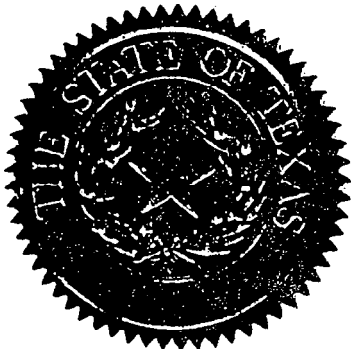
Federal funds destined for mass transportation providers in rural areas under two separate federal programs are appropriated as federal funds in the Appropriations Act and deposited in Fund 451. The Highway Commission currently has discretion directly to allocate these federal funds to rural recipients before dividing the smaller, state-funded portion of Fund 451 to transit systems under the current formula program.

House Bill 2216 would require the Commission to allocate all of the money appropriated from Fund 451 to designated recipients through a formula program. This means that the Commission would no longer be able to separate federal funds for rural areas from Fund 451 before allocating grants under the formula program, which would be split three ways among transit authorities, smaller cities and rural systems.

Although intended to make Fund 451 more available to rural areas, House Bill 2216 would in fact penalize those same rural areas by diverting federal rural program funds to non-rural recipients. This would alter the current balance of fund distribution as between recipients of the fund to an unacceptable degree.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this action and notify the Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 1987.



W. P. Clements, Jr.
William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas

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